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Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

God, The Almighty, we pause for a moment of reflection and prayer in order to express our thanks to You for our material and spiritual blessings, to acknowledge our dependence upon You and our reliance on Your never failing care. As we rely upon You and Your assistance, so You, in turn, rely upon us and our commitment to You, Your ways and our daily personal and legislative responsibilities. As we prepare to celebrate Independence Day, the anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, our hearts and minds are filled with joy, confidence and hope for the future. On July Fourth, a national holiday and a traditional family day, we demonstrate our gratefulness for the vision, courage and patriotism of the founders of this nation. Teach us to continue implementing their vision for this nation as we now turn our attention to protecting our natural resources and planning carefully for the future of our Commonwealth, Country and the people.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

Prayer.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Atsalis of Barnstable and other members of the House) congratulating Mary J. LeClair on being named the 2009 Mercy Otis Warren Cape Cod Woman of the Year;

Mary J.
LeClair.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Honan of Boston) congratulating Robert M. Geoghegan on the occasion of his retirement;

Robert M.
Geoghegan.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Linsky of Natick) congratulating Gregory David Brandon on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Gregory David
Brandon.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Linsky of Natick) congratulating the members of the 'Flying Tigers' American Volunteer Group on the occasion of their reunion;

Flying Tigers.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Linsky of Natick) congratulating Edward

Edward

Thomas Ouellet on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Thomas Ouellet.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Madden of Nantucket) congratulating Cheryl A. Bartlett on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the Nantucket AIDS Network;

Cheryl A.
Bartlett.

Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the Rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Smizik of Brookline, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petitions.

Mr. Linsky of Natick, presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1882) of David Paul Linsky and others (by vote of the town) relative to authorizing the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Millis; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Millis,—
special police
officers.

Petitions severally were presented and referred, as follows:

By Mr. Flynn of Bridgewater, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of David L. Flynn (by vote of the town) relative to the extension of greyhound racing at the Raynham dog track.

Raynham dog
track,—
extension.HD4424

By the same member, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of David L. Flynn (by vote of the town) relative to the extension of greyhound racing at the Raynham dog track.

Id.HD4425

By Mr. Madden of Nantucket (by request), petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Thomas C. Kenny relative to the taxation of state pensions.

Pensions,—
taxation.HD4418

By Mr. Donelan of Orange, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Christopher J. Donelan and others relative to dedicating a portion of Route 2 to Dennis Rindone, in honor of the Chairman of the Route 2 Safety Improvement Task Force.

Route 2, —
Dennis Rindone.
HD4440

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill, for the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, on a message from His Excellency the Governor, a Bill relating to economic recovery through broadband initiatives in Massachusetts (printed in House, No. 4076). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Broadband
initiatives.

By Mr. Moran of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on Senate, No. 353 and House, No. 660, a Bill relative to the agreement among the states to elect the President by national popular vote (House, No. 4156) [Representatives Smith of Everett, Frost of Auburn and Jones of North Reading, dissenting]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Presidential
elections,—
popular vote.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At nine minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.